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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Purchase of US radio transmitting equipment by Spanish interests.

REFERENCE: Department of State confidential memorandum (TD), dated 23 March 1949

1. Reference requested advice from the Director of Central Intelligence as to whether CIA has any information in its records concerning the purchase or attempted purchase in the US of radio transmitting equipment capable of high frequency broadcasting operation with a power of between 150 and 400 kilowatts /sic/.
2. The Director of Central Intelligence advises the Secretary of State that CIA has no evidence to indicate that Spanish interests have purchased or attempted to purchase a 150-400 kw hf transmitter in the US, or equipment which could be used for this purpose.
3. Transmitting equipment, indicated as purchased by the Spanish Air Force, is type BG-375, has a rating of 150 watts and is not of a type which would likely be used for overseas broadcasting. Other purchases have consisted principally of receiving sets and parts, such as carbon resistors.
4. CIA believes that the power rating cited in the reference is high, and suggests that power of 150-400 watts is probably meant.
5. If additional information is desired on this subject, the Director of Central Intelligence will be pleased, on request, to initiate collection action to exploit available sources of information.

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